

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #2
Tuesday, January 24, 2012
7:00 PM

MINUTES

Roll Call and Call to Order

Board Members Present: President Dave Vensel, Vice President Robert Yeo, Secretary June Knabusch-Taylor, Parliamentarian Tedd March, Trustee Wendy Spicer, Trustee Larry VanWasshenova

Board Members Absent: Trustee Ronald Benore, Jr.

Administrators Present: Randy Monday, Julie Everly, Ryan McLeod, Katherine Eighmey

Administrators Absent: None

President Vensel called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Recognition – Lowes Donation

Lisa Sellers, MHS teacher, presented a certificate of appreciation to Lowes for their donation of \$1,200 worth of plants and trees given to Monroe High School for the courtyard. Many students and staff members donated their time to assist in the efforts of beautifying the grounds of MHS.

Recognition – Foreign Exchange Students

Mr. Zillgitt introduced four foreign exchange students to the board members: Julia Alvarez from Spain, Marc Bolay of Germany, Pim Phongpendecha from Thailand, and Valeska Scardi of Germany. The students have all been happy with their stay in Monroe thus far and appreciate the people of Monroe and Monroe High School. In particular, they like the students, teachers, choice of classes available and the sporting events.

MHS Winterfest Activities

Four members of the Monroe High School student council gave a power point presentation to the Board regarding the upcoming Pink Out fundraising activities which coincide with the annual Winterfest celebration. The proceeds of this fundraiser will benefit the Cancer Connection and will bring cancer awareness to the students and community. The theme for Winterfest this year is Peppermint Paradise.

Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

There was no public commentary at this time.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Yeo to approve the minutes of the following meetings as submitted:

- January 10, 2012 Board Work Session
- January 10, 2012 Board Organizational Meeting
- January 10, 2012 Board Meeting #1
- January 11, 2012 Special Board Meeting

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Reports and Update

There were none at this time.

Removal of MHS from the NCA Accreditation Process

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Yeo to approve the withdrawal of MHS from the NCA accreditation process and become a member of the general Non-NCA state accreditation process.

Discussion: Most high schools in Michigan have the dropped NCA accreditation process as the state now partners with NCA and Advanced Ed.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Technology Title I Purchase

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to approve the purchase of twelve smart boards and sound systems for Arborwood North. The total cost of this equipment will not exceed \$20,028 and will be funded by Title I monies.

Discussion: With this purchase, all elementary classrooms will now be equipped with smart boards.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Purchase of Instructional Materials

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the purchase of Guided Reading Leveled Texts from Scholastic Book Company for a cost not to exceed \$4,185.50. Funding for this purchase will be taken from Title I allocations.

Discussion: Using student assessments, with Guided Reading Leveled Texts, a teacher can match a student with just the right reading level book.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Superintendent Comments

- Congratulations to Mr. Nuechterlein and the instrumental music students at MHS who recently earned Division 1 and 2 ratings at a recent competition.
- The second student count day of the 2011/12 school year is February 8. This day represents 10% of the school funding we receive from the state.
- On February 1, we will announce the newest inductees into the MHS Athletic Hall of Fame. This is the fourth class of athletes inducted into the Hall of Fame.
- Our latest district newsletter has been mailed out.
- On January 30, flipping classrooms will be demonstrated across the U.S. One of our teachers, Marc Drougal, will also participate. In a flipped class, students are given the opportunity to view lectures at home using media like You Tube. Then, the students work on assignments in the classroom where the teacher is available to assist and answer questions they have about the lesson.
- Tickets for the annual Daddy-Daughter Dance are available at the Community Education Office at Riverside School. The dance will be held February 25 at Monroe High School.

Old Business

- Dr. Martin reported that at this time there are 50 students enrolled in the Virtual High School. Ten of those students are from outside the MPS district.
- Board members received copies of three proposals for the Lincoln and Christiancy buildings to read.

- Mr. Vensel proposed holding Community Relations Committee meetings in conjunction with Finance of the Whole meetings so all board members could be involved. Mr. Yeo is also a member of the Foundation. Mr. VanWasshenova volunteered to be on the Employee Grievance Committee.

New Business

There was none at this time.

Public Commentary-Any Topic

Selma Rankins handed out copies of an article for the board to read and also suggested principals, the superintendent and board members attend performances in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Closed Session

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to convene in closed session for the purpose of discussing strategies connected with the negotiation of collective bargaining agreements. Open Meeting Act, Sect., 8(c).

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 hand vote at 7:48 PM.

Reconvene Board Meeting

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Mr. VanWasshenova that the January 24, 2012 Board Meeting #2 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be reconvened.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 hand vote at 9:40 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Dr. March that the January 24, 2012, Board Meeting #2 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 hand vote at 9:40 PM.



June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary